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United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary 224 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510-6050

Dear Senator Charles Grassley and Senator Dianne Feinstein,

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Rod Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States.

I have known Mr. Rosenstein for many years, first as an Assistant United States Attorney and in recent years as the United States Attorney for Maryland. I have worked with him in both capacities, and I have found him to be intelligent, principled and fair.

As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Rosenstein has been an exemplary leader. He inherited an office that was in turmoil. With a steady hand and superb management he has built it into an institution that is universally respected in our state. He has been able to recruit and retain extremely talented attorneys, investigators and staff, and the office has been effective and successful in carrying out its mission.

The Office of the Attorney General and the United States Attorney's office have had productive partnerships in the prosecution of both civil and criminal cases, and we have worked together to attempt to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic. Rod understands the exponential potential of collaboration with other law enforcement agencies and government institutions, and he puts that understanding into practice.

In short, I believe that Rod Rosenstein would be an outstanding Deputy Attorney General. I urge you to support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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Brian E. Frosh

Attorney General of Maryland